

WAINSCOTT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)
Meeting of August 1, 2020
(Remote meeting via Zoom video conference)

Member Attendance

Carolyn Logan Gluck, Chair
Dennis D'Andrea, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Barry Frankel, WCAC Co-Chair Emeritus
Lori Anne Czepiel
Anthony Liberatore
Pam Mahoney
Bruce Solomon
Sally Sunshine
Bill Williams
Phil Young

Excused Absence

Jose Arandia, WCAC Co-Chair Emeritus

Elected Officials

Peter Van Scoyoc, Town Supervisor
Jeff Bragman, Town Councilman, Liaison to WCAC

Invited Guests

Sagaponack Village Mayor Donald Louchheim

Members of the Public

Kathleen Begala, Honorary WCAC member	Alex Edlich, Citizens for the Preservation of Wainscott
Martin Boorstein	Virginia Edwards
John Cullen	Quincy and Hersey Egginton
Patricia Currie, Noyac CAC member, Co-founder of Say No to KHTO	David Fink, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Jim Daigle	John Finley
Barbara D'Andrea, Wainscott Sewing Society	Abby Fleming
Sara Davison, Friends of Georgica Pond	Doreen Fox
Kathleen M. Doyle	Michael Friedman
	Anne Gilchrist Hall, Friends of Georgica Pond
	John Hall

Michael Hansen
Pam Harwood
Sam Holland
Yves Istel
John Kirrane, Noyac Civil Council Exec
Com, SH Town Airport Noise Advisory
Com
Rona Klopman, Amagansett
Sam Kramer, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Judith Lanier
JoCarol and Ronald Lauder
Francine Lembo
Susan Macy, WCAC Co-chair Emeritus,
Honorary WCAC member
Richard Myers, WCAC Chair Emeritus

Richard and Tanya Nevins, CPW
Volunteers
Ed Reale
Jim Rosenthal
Carole Slater, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Jonathan Stern
Jennifer Tanzmann
Amy Turner
Jonathan Wainwright, FOGP
Diana Weir, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Donna Wolfe
Michael Zambrelli
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Christine Sampson, EH Star
Mike Wright, The East Hampton Press

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Carolyn Logan-Gluck, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am after circulating by email the names of each participant who had rsvp'd in advance to be on the call.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Logan-Gluck asked the Board for approval of the July minutes, which the Board unanimously approved.

Invited Guest Sagaponack Village Mayor Donald Louchheim

Ms. Logan-Gluck introduced Mayor Louchheim. Mayor Louccheim introduced himself and spoke about the history and evolution of the village incorporation in Sagaponack, including benefits such as preserving the community's character and quality of life, *lower taxes and improved services including dedicated police protection through the services agreements negotiated with the Town*. He said that the incorporation saved the village from being carved up via loss of its oceanfront properties, while pointing out the unique character of Sagaponack that differs in some respects from Wainscott.

The Mayor noted that Sagaponack Village had preserved its historic structures, written "virtually bulletproof" zoning decisions that rarely stray from village code, lowered the speed limit in many places, and kept a pledge to the residents that they would not pay more in village taxes than they were already paying in town taxes. He noted that Sagaponack contracts with Southampton Town for police services, coastal erosion and beach management, tax assessing, and a couple of other services, none of which have been contentious Mr. Louchheim said. Sagaponack's budget is about \$1 million, with a volunteer village board. The Mayor also discussed the incorporation process they went through 15 years ago.

The WCAC board members and WCAC emeritus members then had an opportunity to pose questions to Mayor Louchheim, followed by the public participants in the meeting.

Chair Emeritus Dennis D'Andrea provided information about the four properties he has in Sagaponack as totaling a little more than \$400, concluding "There's no basis to be afraid of village taxes." Questions were posed about the timing of the process, issues relating to speed limits, impacts on property valuations, the characteristics of Sagaponack that contributed to a successful incorporation, zoning issues, the benefits of being an independent and locally-run government, the village hall, affordable housing issues, details about Village expenses and costs and the overall benefits of incorporating as a village.

In addition, Chair Logan Gluck invited Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc to address the meeting. Supervisor Van Scoyoc provided his view of certain of the different circumstances and other issues involved in Sagaponack compared to Wainscott. He also asked the Mayor about the transition period for Village laws and control following an incorporation vote. He concluded by discussing the tax issues and services.

Liaison Report: Councilman Jeff Bragman

Next Councilman Jeff Bragman was invited to present his report.

Town Line Beach Parking

He first discussed the parking situation at Town Line beach and steps that the Town has taken to address it.

Wainscott Green

Councilman Bragman updated the meeting on the status of finalizing the parking and walkway installations, necessary to open Wainscott Green.

Gun Club Noise Complaints

Councilman Bragman noted that there have been recent complaints about noise from the club, and indicated that he would encourage the Town to take noise assessments.

Airport

Councilman Bragman acknowledged that the revisioning process had been halted, but that he is planning to resuscitate it after Covid situation abates. He indicated that the upcoming Town executive session will discuss the contract issue, but that he could not discuss the details at a public meeting.

Commercial Properties for Sale in Business District

Councilman Bragman stated that the possibility of buying some of the properties was proposed and will proceed through regular channels but he would not comment further.

NY Law Updating PFAS/PFOS Standards

Councilman Bragman noted that the State had imposed stricter water standards, the toughest in the country.

Supervisor Van Scoyoc then provided additional thoughts about the Town Line parking issues. He also noted that the Suffolk County Water Authority was

encouraging users not to use water from 3am – 7am. He updated the meeting on the FAA’s decision to rule in favor of the Town’s position to use the airport fund to finance costs and legal expenses for the Town’s airport-related litigation.

Questions then followed about cutting back vegetation along the roadsides near Town Line beach; the commercial real estate for sale in the business district; moving forward with Zoning changes consistent with the Hamlet Study; the status of the Pit and its recently published draft environmental impact statement in connection with the Planning Board; the status of the prior apparent approvals and future of the announced (then cancelled due to Covid) 2020 decorator and party house on Wainscott Stone Road; the leasing and sales of sites along the Airport perimeter by the Town; commercial and large truck traffic in residential neighborhoods; improvements to the business district; and the possibility of another traffic light or roundabout on route 27.

Subcommittee Reports

Chair Logan Gluck thanked Member Bill Williams who will handle the Airport management committee meetings; Member Pam Mahoney who will cover ARB, ZBA and the affordable housing elements of the Hamlet Study.

Airport Revisioning Committee

Chair Emeritus Barry Frankel stated that the revisioning process would start up again soon. He also noted some points in a report generated by Si Kinsella that indicated that PFOS/PFAS levels had been detected around the airport in the path of the Orsted power line that could create issues, the source and timing of the original water contamination that impacted Wainscott wells. Supervisor Van Scoyoc indicated that he would distribute additional information on the latter topic.

Highways/Police/Traffic

Member Anthony Liberatore reported that there had been an uptick in thefts and that the police chief was encouraging residents to lock their vehicles when in the driveway.

Other Business

Sam Kramer briefly discussed the upcoming planning board meeting that would discuss approvals requested with respect to the airport hangar and Twin Forks’ application.

Chair Logan Gluck next asked the WCAC for a discussion of the Business Community Award nominees and next steps.

The meeting then was adjourned at 11:56am.

Next Meeting: September 12, 2020, 9am, via Zoom video conference.